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FORE MONTHLY REPORT -- JUNE 1948

I. Intelligence Production

1. New System for production of Staff Intelligence adopted.

The Branches have begun to use contributions submitted by IAC agencies specifically for incorporation CIA Staff Intelligence. On the basis of interdepartmental discussions, the IAC agencies make commitments to supply a draft of those parts of a Staff Intelligence project pertinent to their field of primary interest. It was felt that this procedure would (a) speed up the coordination of the finished project (b) reduce the number of inconsequential dissents from the IAC agencies, and (c) indicate the degree to which CIA can safely count on inter-departmental support in the production of Staff Intelligence. The initial trials of new procedure have revealed some difficulty in producing reports of a satisfactory standard based on research conducted by various persons over whom CIA has no control. The system will be continued, however, until it is definitely established that it will or will not work.

2. Basic Intelligence Program Proceeding

On the assumption that the decisions made by the IAC on 16 June concerning the NIS program constitute tentative approval of that program, the NIS committee has begun to put the Program into operation. Full operation will depend upon the final IAC decision concerning the rate of production of the National Intelligence Surveys. In the meantime, preliminary decisions and arrangements are being made insofar as possible before the final decision as to the production rate.

3. Scientific Situation Report Begun.

A Scientific Situation Report on is being prepared with emphasis on basic research. The study should reveal specific inadequacies in current information from that area and should be helpful in planning remedial action.

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II. Intelligence Requirements

While this office continues to attempt to make its system for formulating intelligence requirements as effective as possible, its inability to exert any substantial influence over the flow of information from collection agencies operating abroad was emphasized during the past month. In addition to the situations discussed in previous monthly reports to the Director, detailed studies were made of the inadequacy of the information coming from Western Europe, the Near East and from North China and Manchuria. The reports were brought to the attention of OCD for remedial action, but it should be pointed out that OCD shares the inability of this office to direct the collection effort of the IAC agencies and OSO.

III. Adequacy of Intelligence Information and Intelligence

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2. Intelligence Coverage by CIA

Informal advice from the staff of the National Security Council indicates that the intelligence produced by this office is usually directly applicable to problems under consideration by the council. It is hoped that close working-level liaison will make the intelligence even more pertinent, and that increased production can be planned to cover all topics of interest to the NSC.

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IV. Efforts to Facilitate Intelligence Research and Production

1. A tentative working-level agreement has been reached with OIR (State) concerning the handling of the external research program of the two agencies. It has been agreed that (a) the matter should be handled as a joint program (b) State will furnish the services of Mr. Evron Kirkpatrick to head the program, and (c) this office will contribute an assistant (P-5) and a secretary. Mr. Kirkpatrick has made an extensive survey of the capabilities of universities and private research institutions to provide research assistance in the social science fields and has been instrumental in formulating plans for the foundation of an

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The program will shortly be ready to coordinate with the other IAC agencies and should provide valuable support to the Governments intelligence effort. A draft working agreement between State and CIA for the program is under preparation.

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